IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for management of resources of a portable resource module ~~modules~~ [[(1)]], ~~which modules are each~~ the resource module connected to a communication terminal [[(2)]] and ~~are~~ designed in particular as a chipcard[[,]] and the resources comprising electronic memory units [[(11)]], the method comprising:

transmitting a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification identifying the resource module, to a resource management centre [[(4),]];

transmitting a second resource management instruction from the resource management centre [[(4)]] via a communication network [[(3)]] to the resource module [[(1)]] identified through the module identification[[,]];

making ready or releasing resources, in accordance with the received second resource management instruction, through a resource control mechanism [[(111)]] in the identified resource module [[(1),]];

transmitting a resource management confirmation from the identified resource module [[(1)]] via the communication network [[(3)]] to the resource management centre [[(4),]]; and

storing information in the resource management centre [[(4)]] about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1,

wherein the module identification and an application request are transmitted by the user of the communication terminal [[(2)]] to an application management unit [[(5)]],

wherein the first resource management instruction is transmitted by the application management unit [[(5)]] to the resource management centre [[(4)]] on the basis of the

received application request, the first resource management instruction comprising a resource user identification, and

wherein the resource user identification is stored, assigned to the module identification, in the resource management centre [[(4)]].

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 2,

wherein a resource preparation confirmation is transmitted from the resource management centre [[(4)]] to the application management unit [[(5)]],

wherein an application installation request is transmitted from the application management unit [[(5)]] via the communication network [[(3)]] to the particular resource module [[(1)]],

wherein an application is installed in the particular resource module [[(1)]] through the resource control mechanism [[(111)]] in accordance with the application installation request using the prepared resources, and

wherein information about the installed application is stored in the application management unit [[(5)]], the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 or 2~~,

wherein in the resource management centre [[(4)]] an application installation request is inserted into the second resource management instruction,

wherein an application is installed in the particular resource module [[(1)]] through the resource control mechanism [[(111)]] in accordance with the application installation request, and

wherein information about the installed application is stored in the resource management centre [[(4)]], the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the communication address of the communication terminal [[(2)]] is determined from a data store [[(32)]] in which module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications are stored.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~, wherein managed in addition are software resources [[(113)]] of the resource modules [[(1)]].

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A system comprising:

a ~~multiplicity~~ plurality of portable resource modules [[(1, 1')]], each connected to a communication terminal [[(2, 2', 2")]] and each comprising a resource control mechanism [[(111)]] for making ready and releasing resources in the respective resource module [[(1, 1')]], the resources comprising electronic memory units [[(11)]], and ~~which~~ the portable resource modules are designed ~~in particular~~ as chipcards, and ~~wherein the system comprises~~

a resource management centre [[(4)]] ~~with~~ including a receiving module [[43)]] for receiving a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification, transmitted to the resource management centre [[(4)]], the resource management centre [[(4)]] ~~comprises~~ also including a management instruction module [[(44)]] for transmitting, to the resource module [[(1)]] identified by the module identification, a second resource

management instruction via a communication network [[(3)]] connected to the resource management centre [[(4)]],

wherein the resource modules [[(1)]] each ~~comprise~~ include a confirmation module [[(112)]] for transmission of a resource management confirmation via the communication network [[(3)]] to the resource management centre [[(4)]] concerning resources which have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism [[(111)]] in accordance with a received second resource management instruction, and

the resource management centre [[(4)]] ~~comprises~~ includes a management module ([[45)]] and a data store [[(41)]] for storing information about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 7,

wherein the system ~~comprises~~ includes an application management unit [[(5)]] for receiving the module identification and an application request from the user of the communication terminal [[(2)]] and for transmitting the first resource management instruction to the resource management centre [[(4)]] on the basis of the received application request,

the first resource management instruction ~~comprises~~ includes a resource user identification, and

wherein the management module [[(45)]] ~~comprises~~ includes means for storing in the data store [[(41)]] the resource user identification in a way assigned to the module identification.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 8,

wherein the resource management module [[(4)]] ~~comprises~~ includes a confirmation module [[(46)]] for transmission of a resource preparation confirmation to the application management unit [[(5)]],

wherein the application management unit [[(5)]] ~~comprises~~ includes an application instructions module [[(54)]] for transmitting an application installation request via the communication network [[(3)]] to the particular resource module [[(1)]],

wherein the resource control mechanism [[(111)]] ~~comprises~~ includes means for installing an application in the respective resource module [[(1)]] in accordance with the application installation request and using the prepared resources, and

wherein the application management unit [[(5)]] ~~comprises~~ includes an application management module [[(55)]] for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored assigned to the module identification.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 7 or 8~~ claim 7,

wherein the management instruction module [[(44)]] ~~comprises~~ includes means for inserting an application installation request into the second resource management instruction,

wherein the resource control mechanism [[(111)]] ~~comprises~~ includes means of installing an application in the respective resource module [[(1)]] in accordance with the application installation request, and

wherein the management module [[(45)]] ~~comprises~~ includes means for storing information about the installed application, the information being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store [[(41)]].

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 7 to 10~~ claim 7,

wherein the system ~~it~~ comprises an address mapping unit [[(31)]] and a data store [[(32)]] for determining the communication address of the communication terminal [[(2)]] in which data store [[(32)]] module identifications and communication addresses assigned to these module identifications are stored.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 7 to 11~~ claim 7,

wherein the resources which are made ready and released through the resource control mechanism [[(111)]] further comprise, in addition, software resources [[(113)]].

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A resource management centre [[(4)]] for management of resources of portable resource modules [[(1, 1')]], each portable resource module being connected to a communication terminal [[(2, 2', 2")]], and each portable resource module comprising a resource control mechanism [[(111)]] for making ready and releasing resources in the respective resource module [[(1)]], the resources comprising electronic memory units [[(11)]], and which portable resource modules are designed in particular as chipcards, ~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~ comprising:

a receiving module [[(43)]] for receiving a first resource management instruction, comprising a module identification, transmitted to the resource management centre [[(4),]];

~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~

a management instruction module [[(44)]] for transmitting, to the resource module [[(1)]] identified through the module identification, a second resource management

instruction via a communication network [[(3)]] connectible to the resource management centre [[(4),]]; ~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~

means for receiving a resource management confirmation via the communication network [[(3)]] from the identified resource module [[(1)]] concerning resources which have been made ready or released through the resource control mechanism [[(111)]] in accordance with the received second resource management instruction[[,]]; and ~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~

a management module [[(45)]] and a data store [[(41)]] for storing information about the resources made ready or released, the information being stored in a way assigned to the module identification.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The resource management centre [[(4)]] according to claim 13,

wherein the management instruction module [[(44)]] further comprises means for inserting an application installation request into the second resource management instruction, and

wherein the management module [[(45)]] further comprises means for storing information about an application installed in the particular resource module [[(1)]] in accordance with the application installation request, the information being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store [[(41)]].

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The resource management centre [[(4)]] according to claim 13 further comprising:[[,]]

~~wherein the resource management centre (4) comprises~~ a confirmation module [[(46)]] for transmitting a resource preparation confirmation to an application management

unit [[(5)]] from which the first resource management instruction was received by the receiving module [[(43)]],

wherein the management module [[(45)]] <u>further</u> comprises means for storing a resource user identification contained in the first resource management instruction, the resource user identification being stored, assigned to the module identification, in the data store [[(41)]].